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- Public Comment Sought on Draft Resource Management Plan for Monte Cristo State Recreation Area
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PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON DRAFT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MONTE CRISTO STATE RECREATION AREA

The Division of Utah State Parks and Recreation has developed a draft resource management plan (RMP) for Monte Cristo State Trailhead located off Highway 39, approximately 20 miles east of Huntsville, Utah.

The plan is located for review online at:

http://static.stateparks.utah.gov/plans/RMP_Public_Draft_monte.pdf. Hard copies can be reviewed at the Utah State Park office at 1594 West North Temple, Suite 116, Salt Lake City, Utah; the Ogden / Weber Convention and Visitors Bureau, 2438 Washington Blvd, Layton, Utah; and Union Station, 2501 Wall Ave, Ogden, Utah.

The draft RMP identifies issues relating to public use, resource management and future development at the recreation area and will make recommendations to guide park managers for the next 10 years.

A planning team consisting of park users, local citizens, other agency representatives and park managers developed the draft plan through a series of team and public meetings.

Comments will be accepted until October 30, 2009 by:

E-mail: PLANSCOMMENT@utah.gov

Regular mail: Utah State Parks: Planning Section
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1594 West North Temple, Suite 116
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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

- October 11 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Uranium- Passionate Heart of the Earth: Uranium is the element that made the atomic bomb possible, but there is much more to this element than meets the eye. Discover how uranium is ultimately responsible for the stunning landscape surrounding Dead Horse Point State Park. Join park staff at the visitor center amphitheater at 6 p.m. (435) 259-2614
- October 12 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Up Close and Personal- Join a park ranger at the overlook from 10 to 11 a.m. for a closer look at the world in and around Dead Horse Point. (435) 259-2614
- October 13 Iron Mission State Park Museum – Cedar City
Children's Story Time- Preschool age children can learn about the past through stories and history-related activities from 12:30 to 1 p.m. (435) 586-9290
- October 15 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Vernal
Raptor Ecology: Join Melissa Wardle at 7 p.m. as she discusses raptor biology and ecology. Program is free and open to the public. (435)
- October 15 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding
Memories of Glen Canyon- Join archaeologist Bill Lipe, PhD as he shares memories of Glen Canyon beginning at 6:30 p.m. This special presentation is based on his experiences working on the University of Utah's Glen Canyon Archaeological Project from 1958 to 1961. (435) 678-2238
- October 16 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Scorpions- Scary-Looking Creatures of the Desert: Join park staff for a program about these fascinating (and misunderstood) creatures of the desert! Meet at the visitor center amphitheater at 6 p.m. for this half-hour program. (435) 259-2614
- October 17 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Sunset Walk- Join the park naturalist for a mile-long hike at sunset to observe park wildlife and learn what happens after sunset. Meet at the visitor center amphitheater at 6 p.m. for a short introduction before leaving for the Colorado River Overlook along the Intrepid Trail. Please wear sturdy walking shoes, bring drinking water and warm clothing as it gets chilly at night. (435) 259-2614
- October 17 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins
Nature Sketch Walk- Join artist Arlene Braithwaite, S.U.U. Associate Professor of Art and Design from 9 to 10:30 a.m., and explore the fun of nature sketching on this 1.5-mile, round trip hike! Previous art experience not required. Space is limited and registration required. (435) 628-2255

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